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Sonic the comic

starring

SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG

PLUS

**YOUR SOARAWAY
SEGA SUPERSTARS:**

**ECCO
DECAP
ATTACK
GOLDEN
AXE**

WIN!

**A MEGA DRIVE,
MEGA CD**

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THE GREEN EATER

Sonic THE HEDGEHOG

PLANET MOBIUS, RULED BY ROBOTNIK.

DEEP IN THE SCRAP-BRAIN ZONE,
THE BADNIKS ARE BUILDING A
TERRIFYING NEW MACHINE.

WORK
FASTER, YOU
SLIMES!

Robotnik
picks his
favourites!

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GLORY OF DOCTOR
ROBOTNIK!

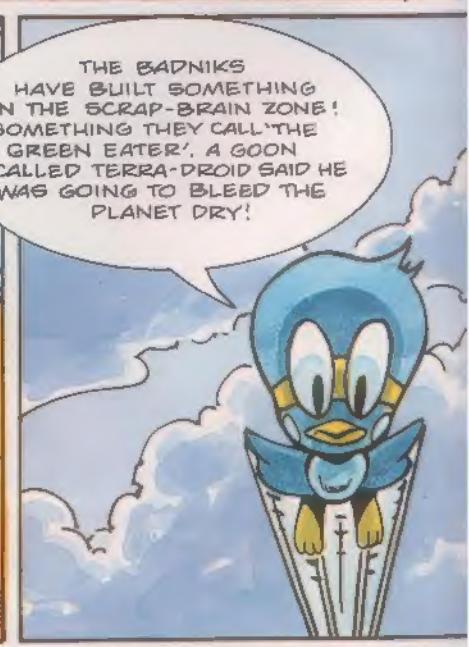
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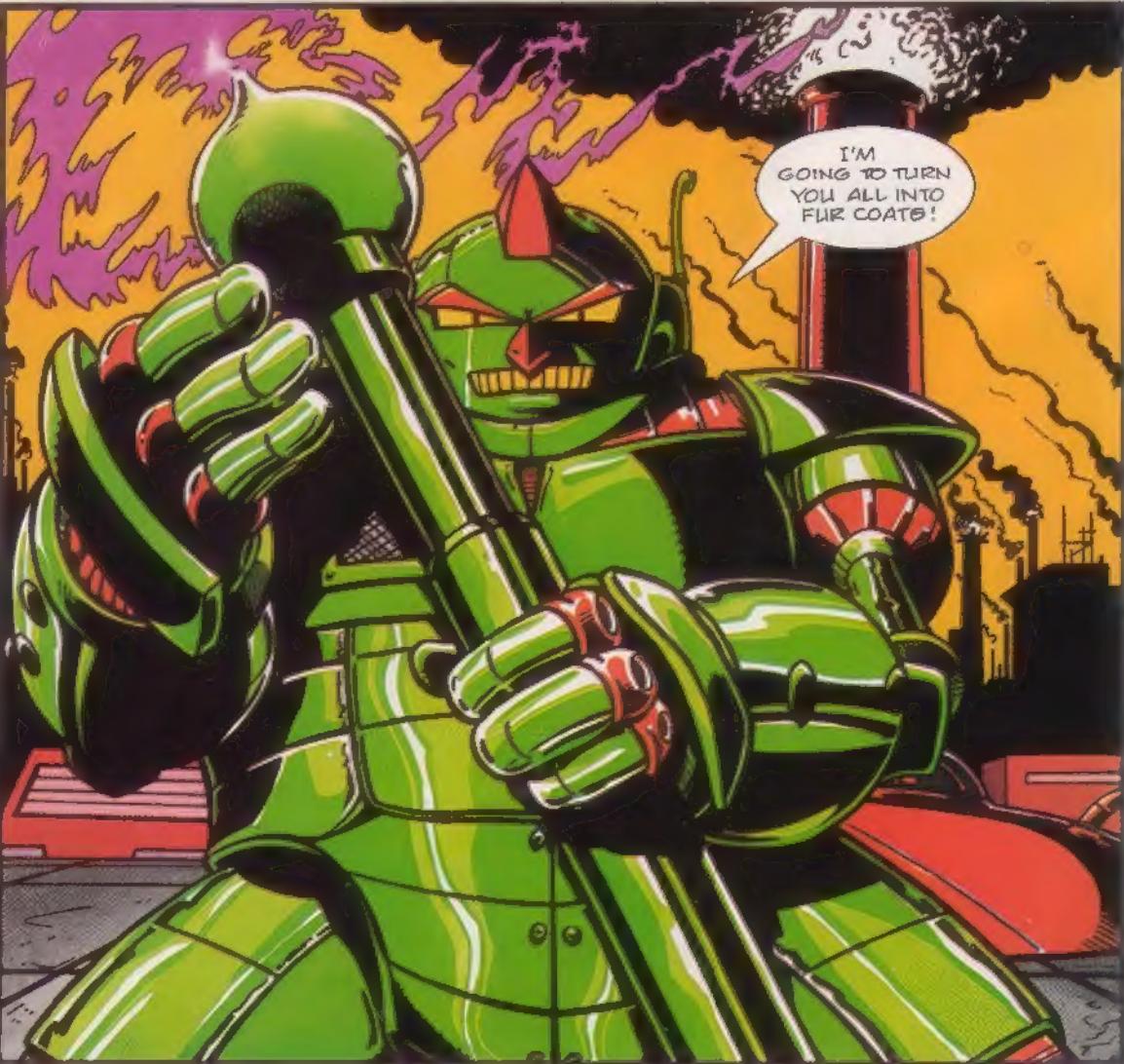
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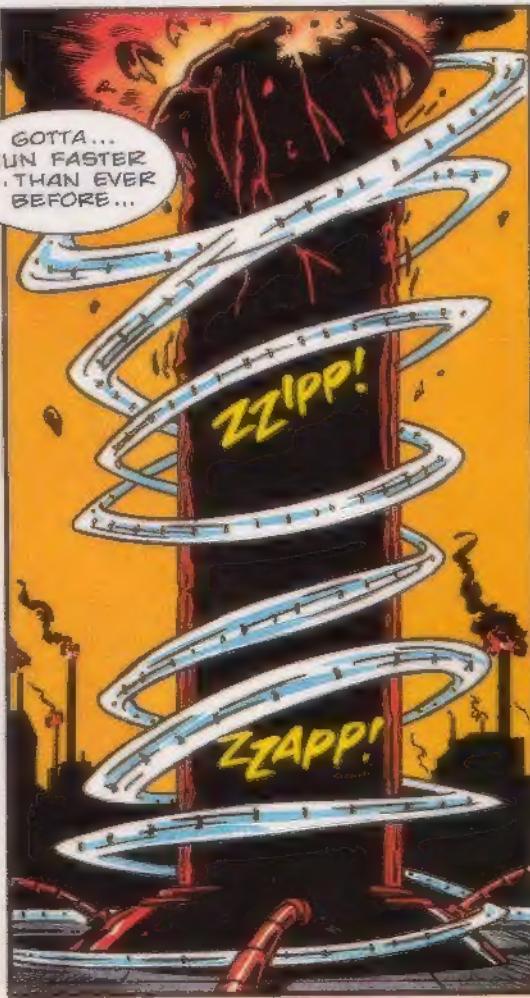
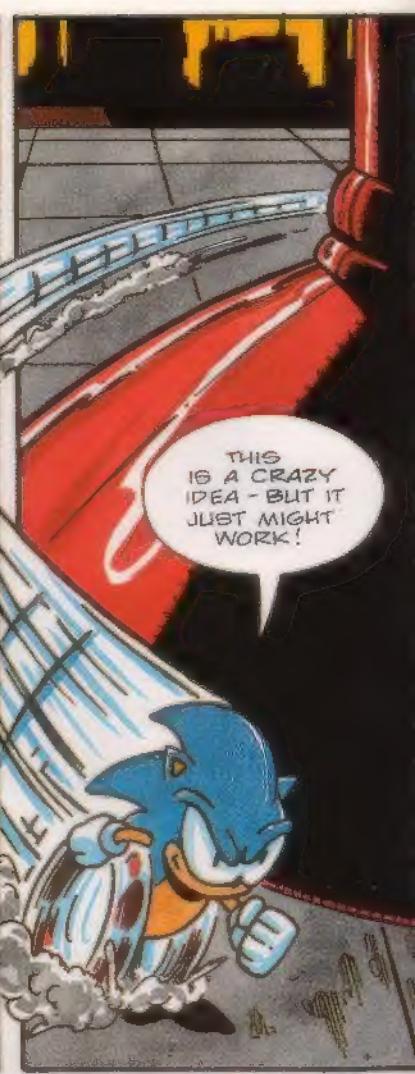
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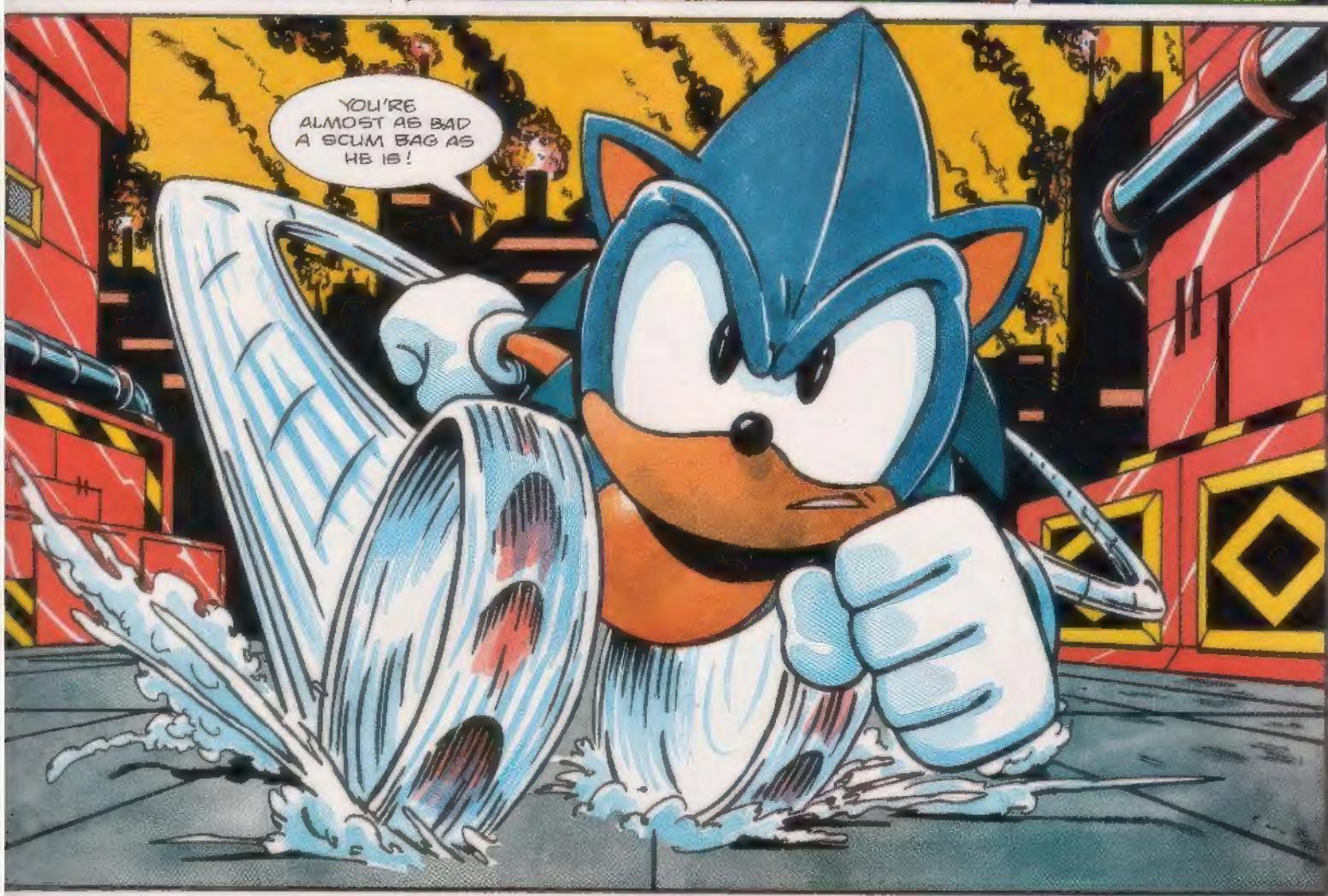
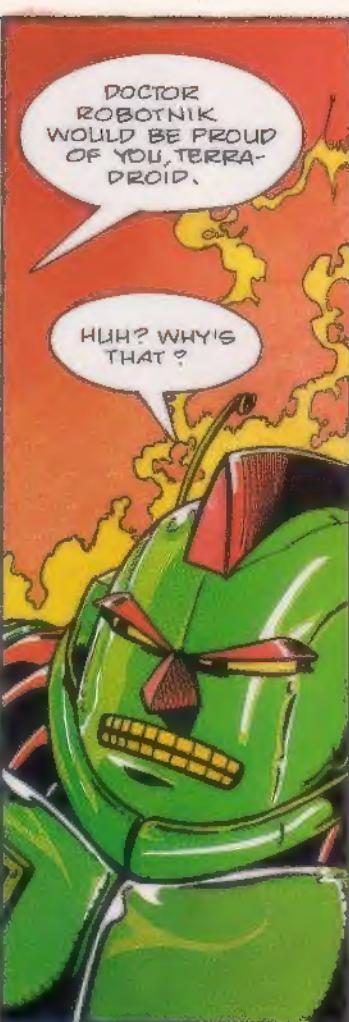
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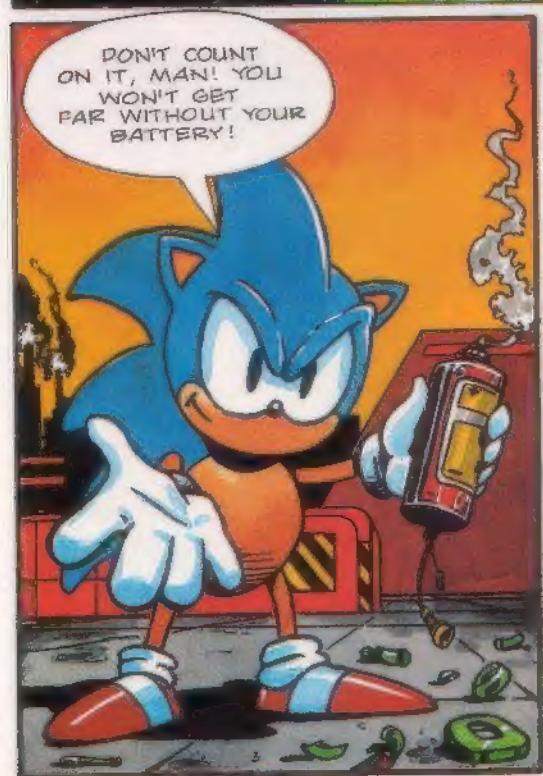
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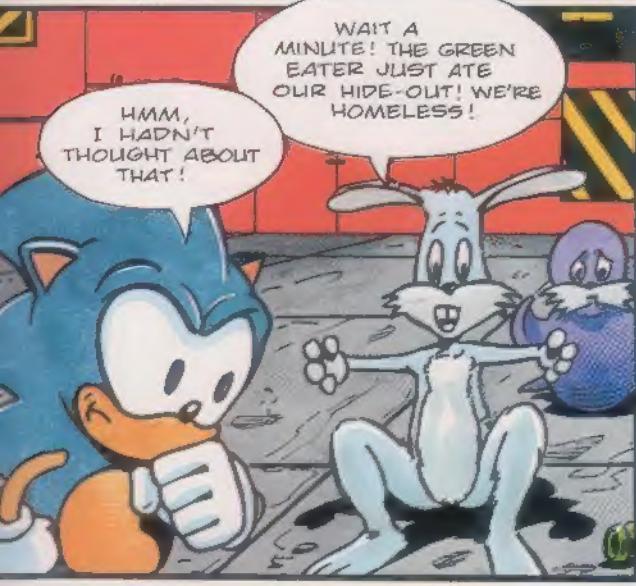
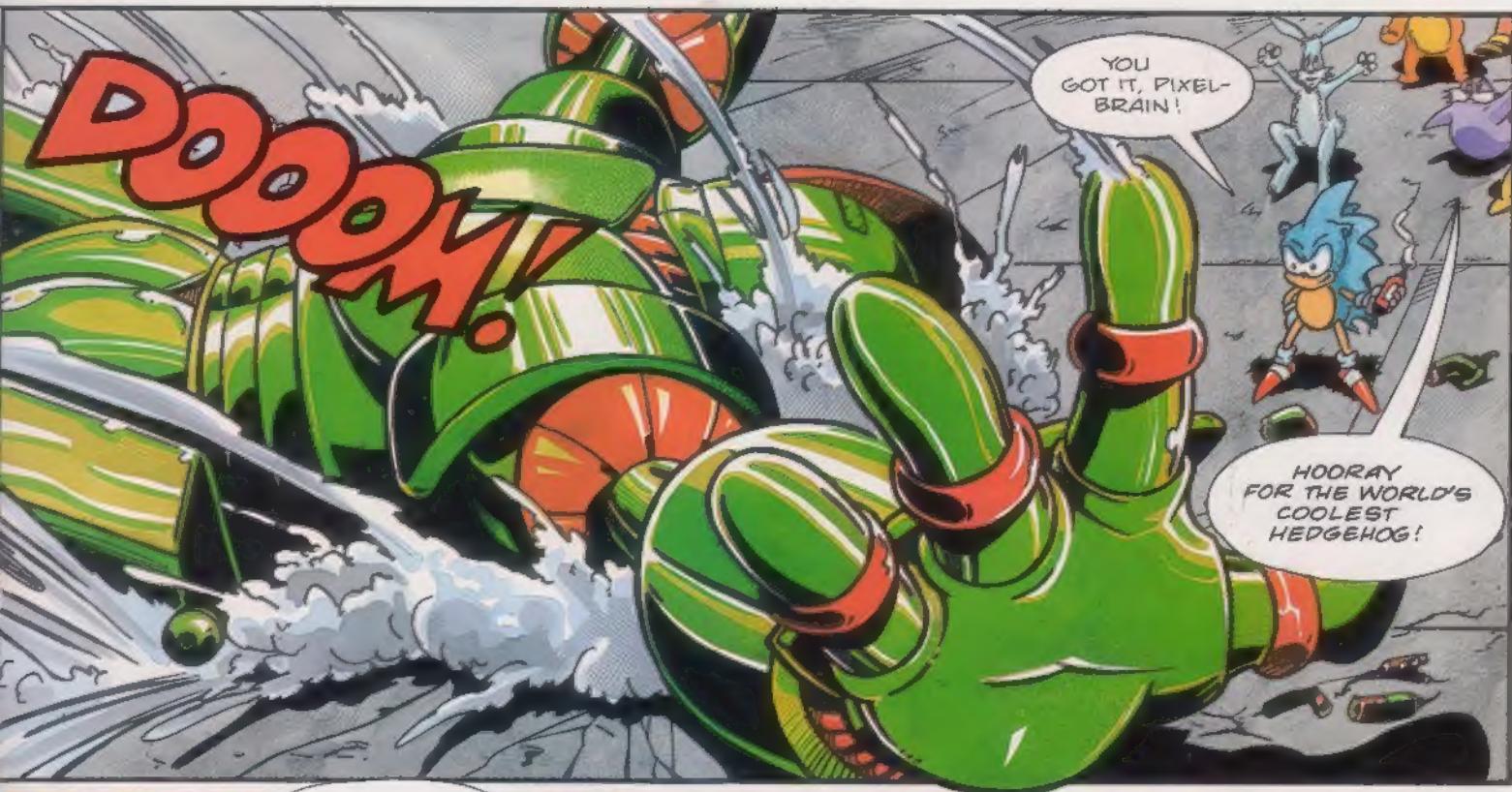












REVIEW

Zone

Enter the zone that brings you reviews of all the new releases for the Sega games systems.
STC REVIEWERS THIS ISSUE:
Steve May, Vincent Low.

SONIC CD

game type: ACTION

1 PLAYER



Get ready for the ultimate Sonic the Hedgehog game! *Sonic CD* is the most amazing Sonic adventure to date, with over 75 levels to work through. You are up against old Egg-Features once again. Yes, Doctor Robotnik is back, fatter and uglier than ever. To beat him you not only have to work your way through many new zones, but you actually do some time travelling back to the past and into the future.

All the familiar Sonic moves are there - like dash and spin attacks - plus many additional new moves, like a speedy run, with Sonic's legs looking like rubber bands!

Like *Sonic 2*, collecting over a set number of gold rings warps you to a special bonus round. This time Sonic is running along a scaled road trying to collect rings while



taking out alien ships above him. This is fast, fun and makes you incredibly dizzy!

What really helps to set this new Sonic romp apart from the previous cart-based games is the incredible



music, which has some seriously huge 'choons' as well as mournfully soulful ballads.

The gameplay also has a few novel touches with Sonic taking super-leaps off floors to scale heights, plus there's also some weird springs rolling around on casters!

If you want to see what the Mega CD can do, then you will not be disappointed with *Sonic CD*. It has plenty of levels, fabby music, great gameplay combos, an amazing bonus round, and even a level select cheat!

There's lot's more about this game - in fact too much for the space available here. A glance at the mega-special preview of *Sonic CD*, STC 9's News Zone, will show you just how good it looks.

By the way, if you should happen to complete the game, you get to see a gob-smacking end sequence and some awesome scaling. Go for it! - VL.

FAST FAX

PUBLISHER: SEGA PRICE: £49.99

GRAPHICS: 85

SOUND: 90

PLAYABILITY: 90

RAVES: Brill graphics, sound and playability

GRAVES: Not alot that's new.

OVERALL: 90%

STC Rating System

MD	Mega CD
MS	GG
Master System	Game Gear

under 40% - Yawnsville
40 - 70% - Normalsville
70 - 80% - Fun City
80 - 90% - Big Time City
over 90% - Mega City!



REVIEW

SILPHEED



game type: ACTION
1 PLAYER

FAST FAX

PUBLISHER: NAMCO

GRAPHICS

***** 95

AUDIO

80

PLAYABILITY

***** 90

EDUCATIONAL

***** 90

85%



blast and exploding in your face!



of action. I cannot stress this enough - get this game if you own a Mega CD. If you do not yet own a Mega CD then Silpheed is the game that will give you a reason to buy one - it

ECCO THE DOLPHIN

game type: ACTION
1 PLAYER



What can I say? I think this is the best game on the Mega CD.

You get to explore underground caves, talk with other sea creatures and use your wits and

creatures, or moving objects around

but you have to find it first as it's sneaky hidden away!

FAST FAX

PUBLISHER: PRICE

GRAPHICS

***** 95

AUDIO

***** 90

PLAYABILITY

***** 95



90%



what Mega CD

will stay with



REVIEW

PGA TOUR GOLF

SPORTS

1 PLAYER



What remains are the bare bones of a good golf game. The gameplay initially looks quite promising. The opening menu screen offers several game options (a practice round, a visit to the driving range, a putting green, or the full blown tournament) and the option of playing against a computer generated opponent. Sadly what follows is really not worth getting your plus fours in a swing for.

For starters, the graphic screens build slowly and the sight of a white ball bouncing about in a largely featureless green box, doesn't come close to fresh grass and sandy hints.

And Tengen can't blame the humble Master System for the weak display. Sega's own (ancient) *GolfMania* is evidence that an 8-bit console can deliver a golf game that's interesting to look at and fun to play.

It's not all bad, though. Games can be saved with the battery back-up and resumed later on and the secret of a good slice takes time to learn.

For what it's worth, there's very little difference between the Master System and the Game Gear versions of *PGA Tour Golf* - but neither cart exhibits much in the way of an interesting noise. - SM.



GAUNTLET IV

game type: ARCADE

1-4 PLAYERS



FAST FAX

PUBLISHER PRICE

GRAPHICS

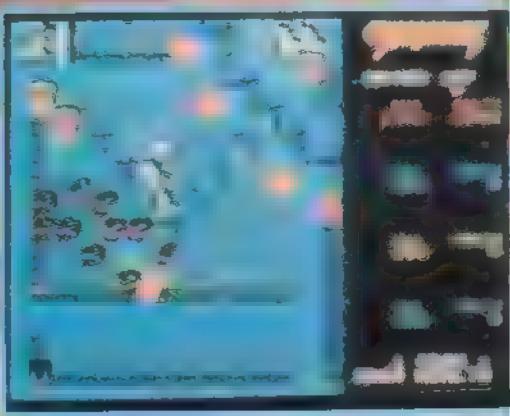


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PLAYABILITY



78%



ECCO the Dolphin Part 3

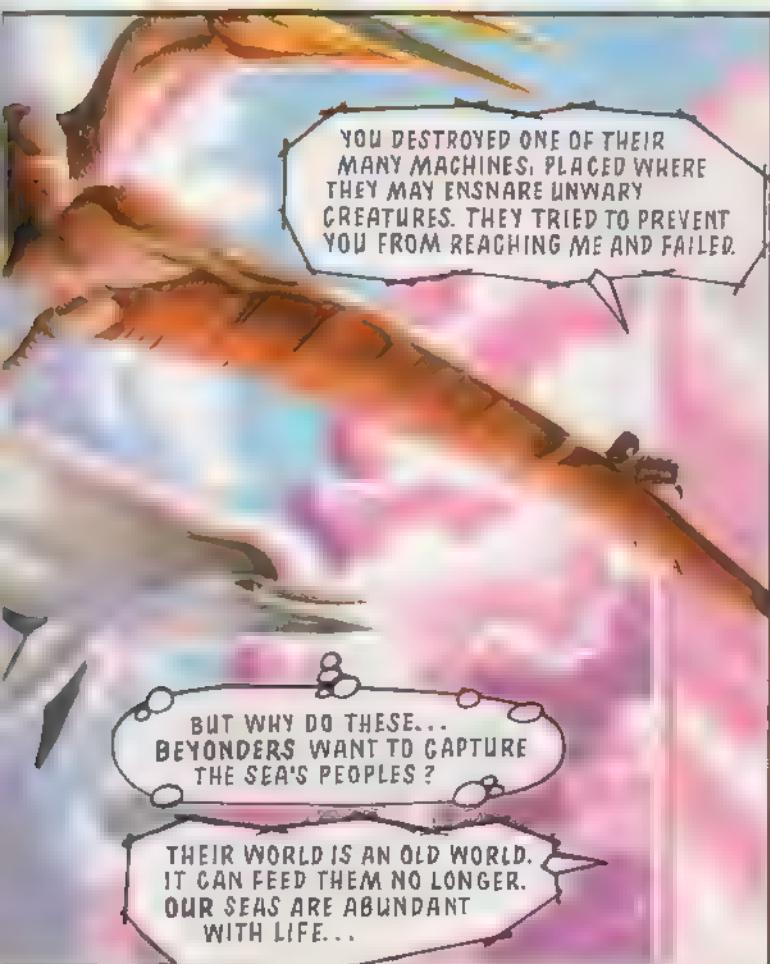
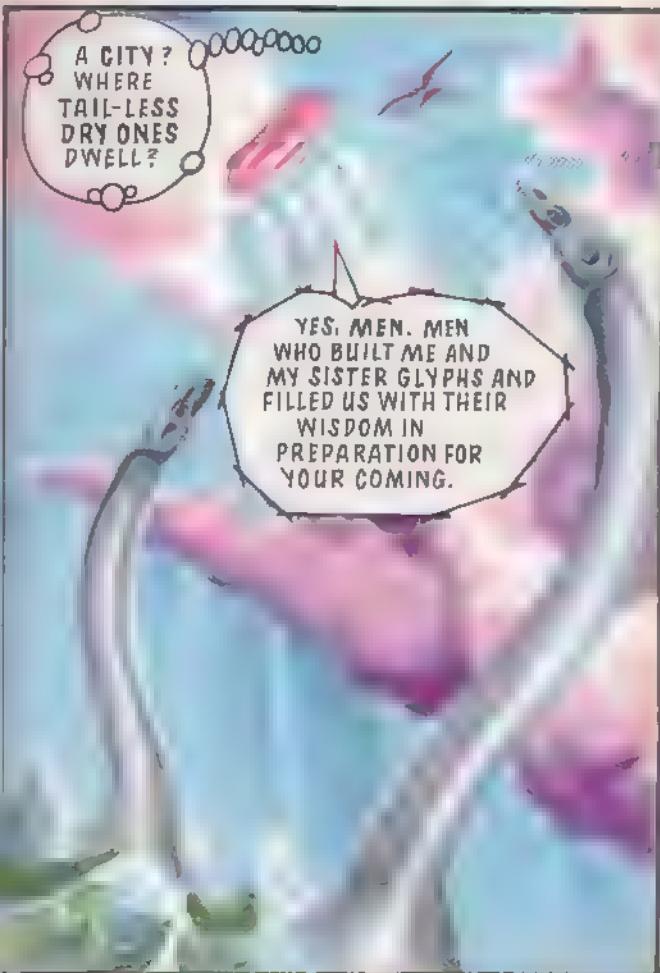




ECCO SENDS OUT A SONAR PULSE.



THERE IS MUCH YOU MUST HEAR, LITTLE DOLPHIN. BEFORE YOU CAN SUCCEED IN YOUR QUEST. BUT MY KNOWLEDGE IS LIMITED WHEN I HAVE TOLD YOU WHAT I KNOW, YOU WILL HAVE TO GO FURTHER. TO THE ABANDONED CITY OF ATLANTIS!



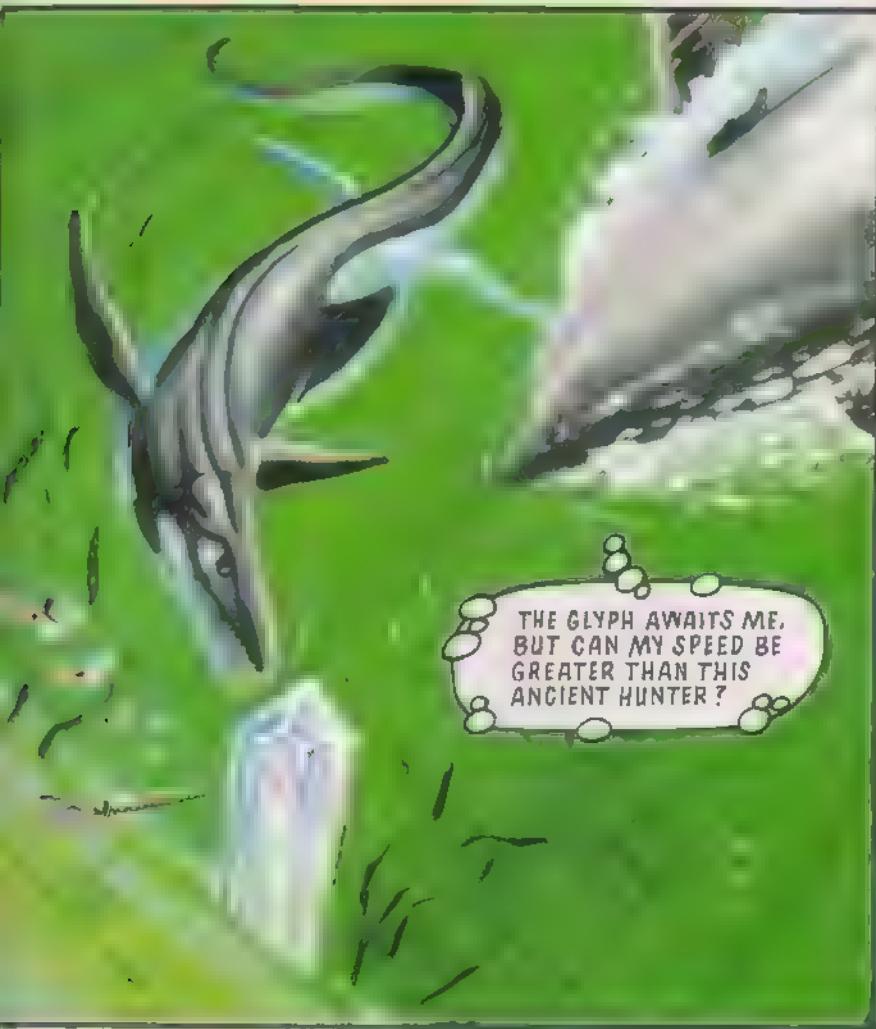


THE PTERODACTYL WILL TAKE YOU TO
ANOTHER GLYPH THAT WILL TRANSPORT
YOU CLOSE TO ATLANTIS. IN THE LIBRARY
YOU MUST ARM YOURSELF WITH
WISDOM TO HELP YOU TRIUMPH.

COURAGE, LITTLE DOLPHIN.

THE GREAT BEASTS KNOW
YOU ARE NOT FROM THIS
LAND. BUT YOU WILL SOON
RETURN TO YOUR KIND,
LITTLE MAMMAL.

THE
JEWEL WILL
SEND YOU
HOME.



THESE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!

Eternal Champions challenge street fighters

As hinted at in this Zone last issue, Sega is about to take you to the next level in fighting games! *Eternal Champions* is a big (24 Megabit!) tournament game for the Mega Drive, due for release next month.

Eternal Champions will seriously challenge *Streetfighter 2* with its new features and incredible depth of gameplay and storyline. The key to this new game is the fact that it was designed specifically for use at home rather than being just another arcade conversion. E.C. features over 300 moves with each of the nine starring characters having seven special moves of their own.

The scene is set in the far future with The Eternal Champion putting together the greatest fighters from history to help save Earth's future. You have to choose a fighter and then beat all the rest of them before you eventually square up to the Eternal Champ in a battle to the finish!

The graphics are awesome with the biggest characters ever seen on the Mega Drive. Super sound samples give bone-crunching effects and some of the moves are blindingly fast.

Eternal Champions' nine characters are each unique in their appearance, fighting style, and special moves. If they (or you) perform exceptionally well in battle there are also special end sequences to show their talents.

Midnight and Trident duke it out near the ancient city of Atlantis.



Jetta and Xavier square off in old Salem, where witches and warlocks were burned at the stake.

Let's meet the Champs:

R.A.X. COSWELL

Half-man and half-cyborg from 2345 A.D. Fighting style: Thai Kick Boxing.

JETTA

A circus acrobat from 1899 A.D. Fighting style: Savate, the art of hand and foot fighting.

SLASH

A hunter from the dawn of time. Fighting style: Any move or attack that will cause pain or damage.

BLADE

Bounty hunter. Fighting style: Kenpo; a hand and fist method.

SHADOW YAMOTO

A corporate assassin from the present day. Fighting style: Taijutsu-Ninjutsu, combining the precursor to jujitsu and the art of invisibility.

MIDKNIGHT

Once a bio-chemical scientist from 2101 A.D., now a living vampire. Favours the Hapkido fighting style.

LARCEN TYLER

An ex-cat burglar from 1920's Chicago. Fighting style: Preying Mantis Kung Fu.

TRIDENT

Amphibian gladiator from Atlantis, 110 B.C. Fighting style: Capo Berlino, gladiatorial martial art.

XAVIER

A warlock and alchemist from Salem, 1692 A.D. Fighting style: Hapkido Cane.

The game features a whole host of options and play modes to help you define and refine your skills and you can play it with either three or six button pads!

Eternal Champions is likely to be one of the hot games of 1994 and STC will be bringing you lots more information about the characters, the game and some mega-surprises! We've got up our sleeves! Stay in touch with STC!

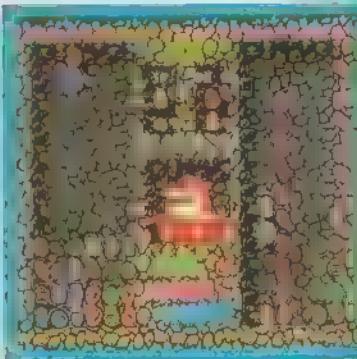
BEANS HERE
ROBOTNIK

Doctor Robotnik cracks game market at last

As we mentioned last issue, Doctor Robotnik's *Mean Bean Machine* is getting his crack at mega-stardom in his own video game.

Doctor Robotnik's Mean Bean Machine is due for release on the Mega Drive next month and the Master System and Game Gear soon after.

It's a spin-off of a Japanese M.A.D. Drive game called *Puyo Puyo* and it's a 2D isometric class puzzle game. Columns of beans are falling down



the screen and the object is to make clusters of four. The difference being that you can link



them when they are touching or horizonal, diagonal and L shapes. The idea behind Doctor Robotnik's *Mean Bean Machine* is that Robotnik is trying to turn beans from beans to money and slaves with his Mean Bean Streaming Machine.

"I have to save the day and I will be the ones he goes against you."

SEGA PACKS 'EM IN

PICK A SEGA XMAS BUNDLE

Still having problems with your Christmas list? (What's taking so long?) Can't decide just what Sega consoles or games you want? Well, feast your peepers on this humungous list of Sega hardware/software packs now available.

There are 14 different packs featuring over 30 different games, with prices ranging from around £60 to around £150. If you can't find your ideal Crimbo pressie amongst this lot, then you deserve to spend Christmas watching the Queen's speech and repeats of 'Baddie's About'!

MEGA DRIVE PACKS

ALADDIN PACK - £129.00
Mega Drive II + *Aladdin*, 2 control pads

SONIC PACK - £139.00
Mega Drive II + *Sonic 1 & 2*, 2 controls pads

STREETFIGHTER PACK - £149.00
Mega Drive + *Streetfighter II Special Champion Edition*, 2 control pads

GOOD, BAD & JGLY PACK - £149.00
Mega Drive II + *Sonic 2*, *The Terminator*, *James Bond*, 2 control pads.

MARVEL PACK - £129.00
Mega Drive II + *X-Men*, *Captain America*, 2 control pads

UNBELIEVABLE VALUE PACK - £149.00
Mega Drive II + *Italia '90*, *Super Hang On*, *Columns*, *John Madden's Football*, *EA Hockey*, *Leaderboard Golf*, 2 control pads.

WILD AND WET PACK - £149.00
Mega Drive II + *Italia '90*, *Super Hang On*, *Columns*, *Ecco The Dolphin*, *Taz-Mania*, 2 control pads



GAME GEAR PACKS

ATTACK PACK - £99.00
Game Gear + *Columns*, *Streets of Rage*, *Shinobi*.

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Game Gear + *Columns*, *Klax*, *Poplife*.

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Game Gear + *Columns*, *Global Gladiators*, *Prince of Persia*



DOUBLE PRICE!

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Master System + *Sonic 1 & 2*.

UNBELIEVABLE VALUE PACK - £69.00
Master System + *Super Kick Off*, *Olympic Gold*, *Sonic The Hedgehog*, *Trivial Pursuit*.

SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES PACK - £69.00
Master System + *Batman Returns*, *The Simpsons*, *Alien 3*, *Sonic The Hedgehog*.

SHORT BURSTS

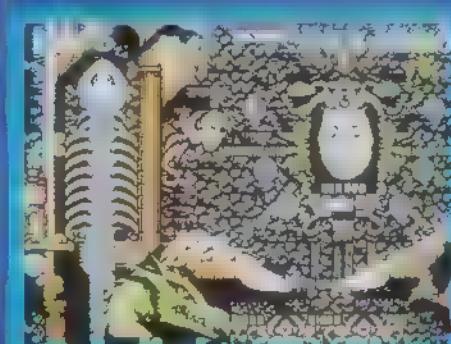
SONIC ON VIDEO



about
Fast work
Hardly a
superstar
for five
minutes
Sonic
on S
onto
video

The Adventures of Sonic The Hedgehog features the first three episodes of the Channel 4 cartoon TV series that is currently taking the country by storm. Tempo Video plan to release more episodes on video in the near future. Look for Sonic wherever good videos are sold, price £6.99.

PINBALL MAGIC



Dragon's Revenge is the follow-up to the classic pinball game *Dragon's Fury*. Tengen claim it retains all the superb gameplay of the original with the addition of some amazing bonus levels. There are three main playfields and special scaling of the ball in some of the hardest levels to give the impression of realistic perspective. *Dragon's Revenge* on the Mega Drive is due for release January 17th.

STEALTH FLIGHT

F117 Night Storm is the first Mega Drive flight sim to feature the sinister Stealth fighter - the most technically advanced strike aircraft in the world. Players can choose to fly in Arcade mode, in which you can choose how many ground and air targets you want to take out, or Combat mode, which features 30 specialised missions. The game also features enhanced bitmapped graphic views and revolutionary intra-CG displays. *F117 Night Storm* is a 16-Meg Mega Drive cart due out from Electronic Arts this month.



The Legend of the GOLDEN AXE



Plague of Surprise

IN THE DWARF FORTRESS OF ROCKGUARD THE DWARF GILIUS-THUNDERHEAD AND THE AMAZON TYRIS-FLARE ARE TALKING TO THE ELDERS IN ROCKGUARD'S CHAMBER OF ELDERS WHEN GILIUS-THUNDERHEAD IS UNEXPECTEDLY ATTACKED...

THE POH FARMER! NOT YOU!

POH FARMER? I'LL GET YOU FOR THAT, GILIUS

GODDESS FLORA, I COMMAND YOU...

THE NEWCOMER DRAWS ON HER MAGIC POWER

...ENTWINE HIM WITH VINES.

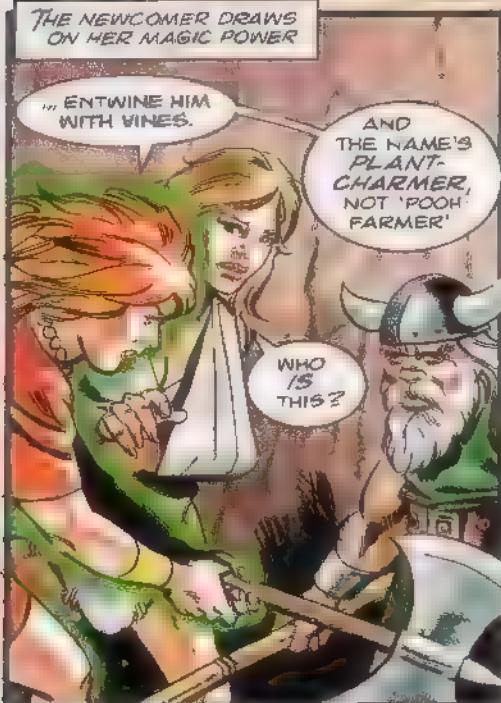
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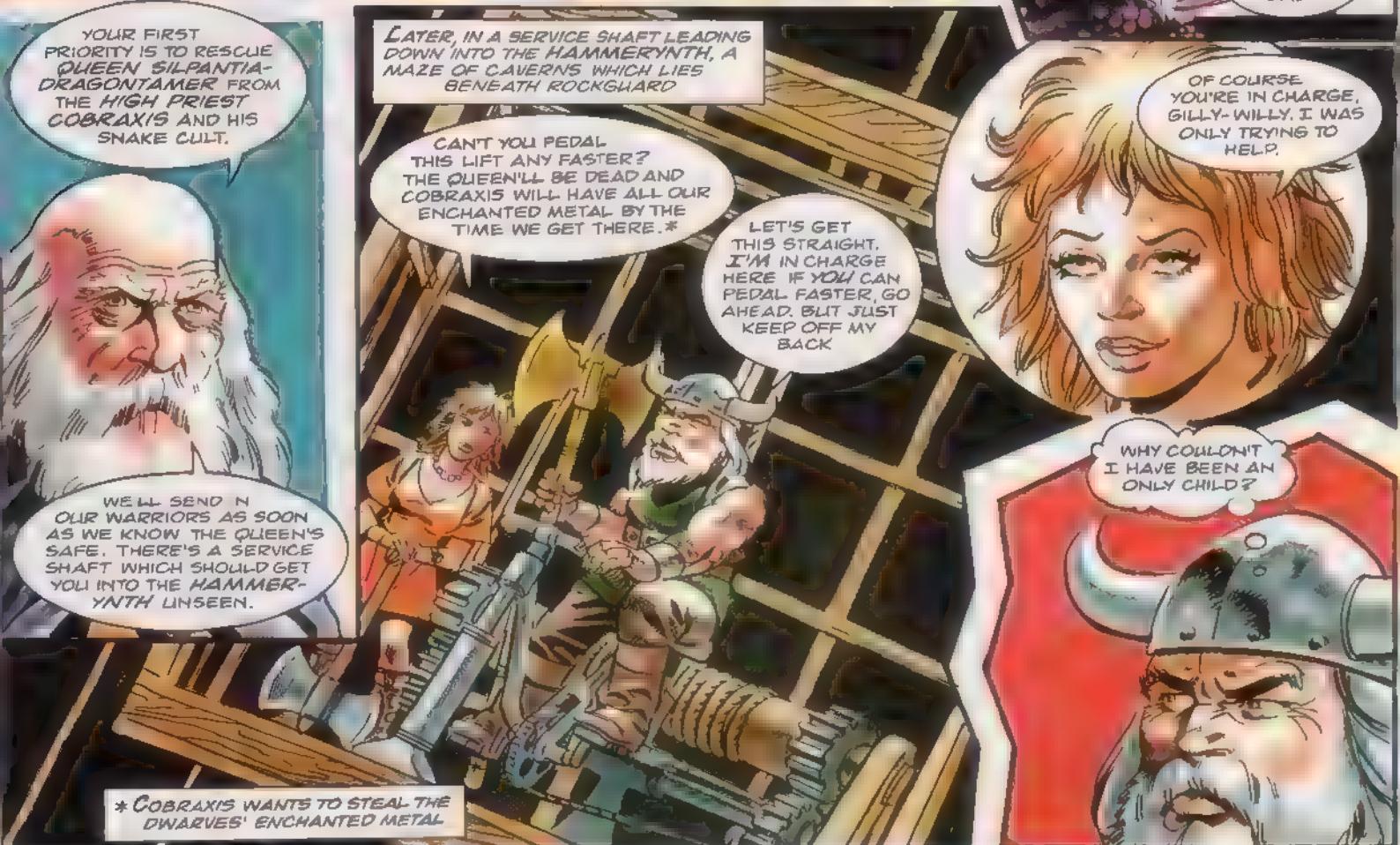
WHO IS THIS?

GILIUS, WHAT'S WRONG? SHE'S ATTACKIN' YOU!

LEAVE HER ALONE TYRIS SHE MEANS NO HARM

GET OFF ME, BLONDIE!





THIS WAY... AND
KEEP QUIET.

I KNOW I'M
NOT STUPID.

BY BY
HEY... DEE
DUM DEE DUM
DUM DUM
DEY...

AXE-BATTLER HAS STILL
NOT RECOVERED FROM THE
HYPNOTIC SPELL OF THE
SNAKE WHICH NOW HANGS
DEAD ROUND HIS NECK

DEY
GABBA
GABBA
HIP.

IF ONLY AX WERE
HERE I WOULDN'T BE
STUCK WITH YOU.

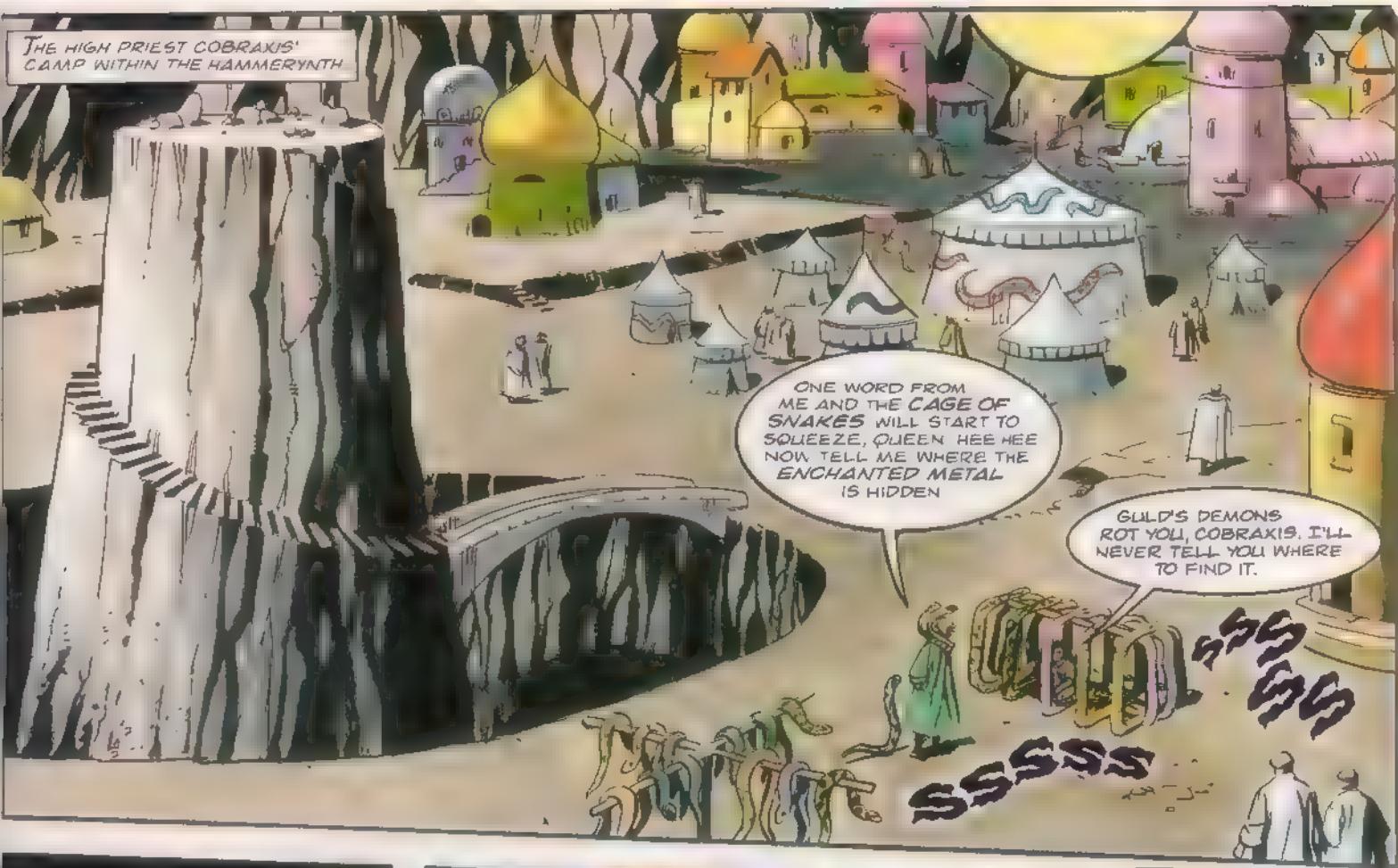
IF HE'S SO GREAT
HOW COME HE GOT LOST?
WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME? I'M
A GREAT FIGHTER AND I
CAN SUMMON PLANTS

THAT'S ALL I NEED
SOMEONE WITH A BLACK
BELT IN FLOWER
ARRANGING!

DON'T BE SUCH
AN OLD GROUCH, GILLY.
YOU NEVER LET ME JOIN
IN YOUR GAMES.

THIS ISN'T A
GAME, YUKI. I JUST
DON'T WANT YOU TO
GET HURT.

SSSCOBRAxisSS





90's Game

Pitfighter



Pitfighter is a game featuring elements of both wrestling and street fighting. It's a recommended fighting game, especially when playing with a friend. If you have been having problems, then try the following cheats.

To gain extra continues, select your favourite character and play to level 8. When you fight Mad Miles, pause the game, plug another joystick into port 2, unpause and press Start on pad 2. Select a character and you shall start with three extra continues. Beat-up your former character and use your current fighter for the rest of the game.

Predator

Predator is a very nice game for the Master System. It includes good graphics, decent sound, but is fairly hard. If you have found it hard going getting to the later levels, here are five codes to help you.

LEVEL	PASSWORD
2	SPOCGJRD
3	ROTADERP
4	SEGATSOH
5	NAGIRRAH
6	LAICIFFO

Codes

Another World

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WH . WHAT
IS IT ?

IT IS DER FIRST OF DER ARMY
OV DER UNDEAD I AM CREATING
FOR YOU ! I CLONED CELLS FROM
HEAD, A BEING WITH ONLY
HALF A BRAIN !

I RESENT
THAT !

Decap ATTACK

STARRING
CHUCK D. HEAD

... A BLOCKBUSTERS
CONTESTANT !

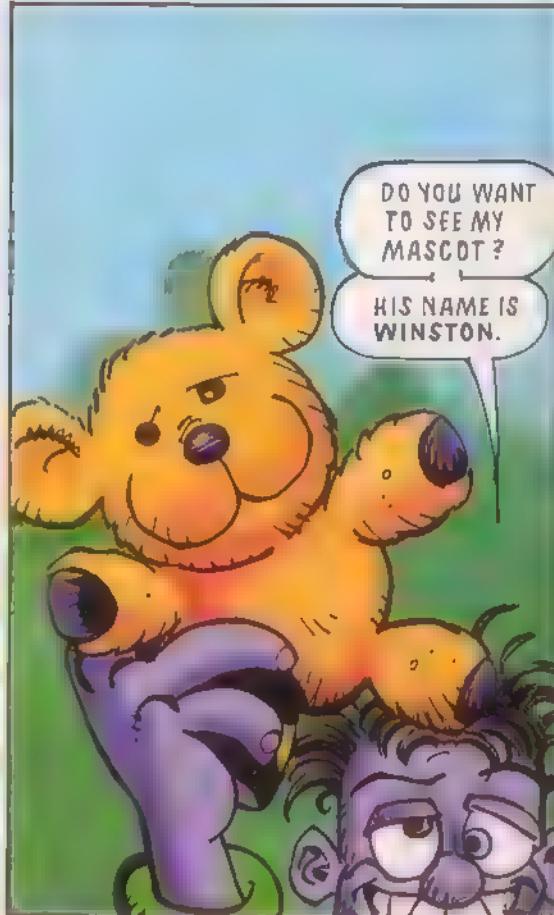
ER... I'LL HAVE
A 'P' PLEASE,
BOB.

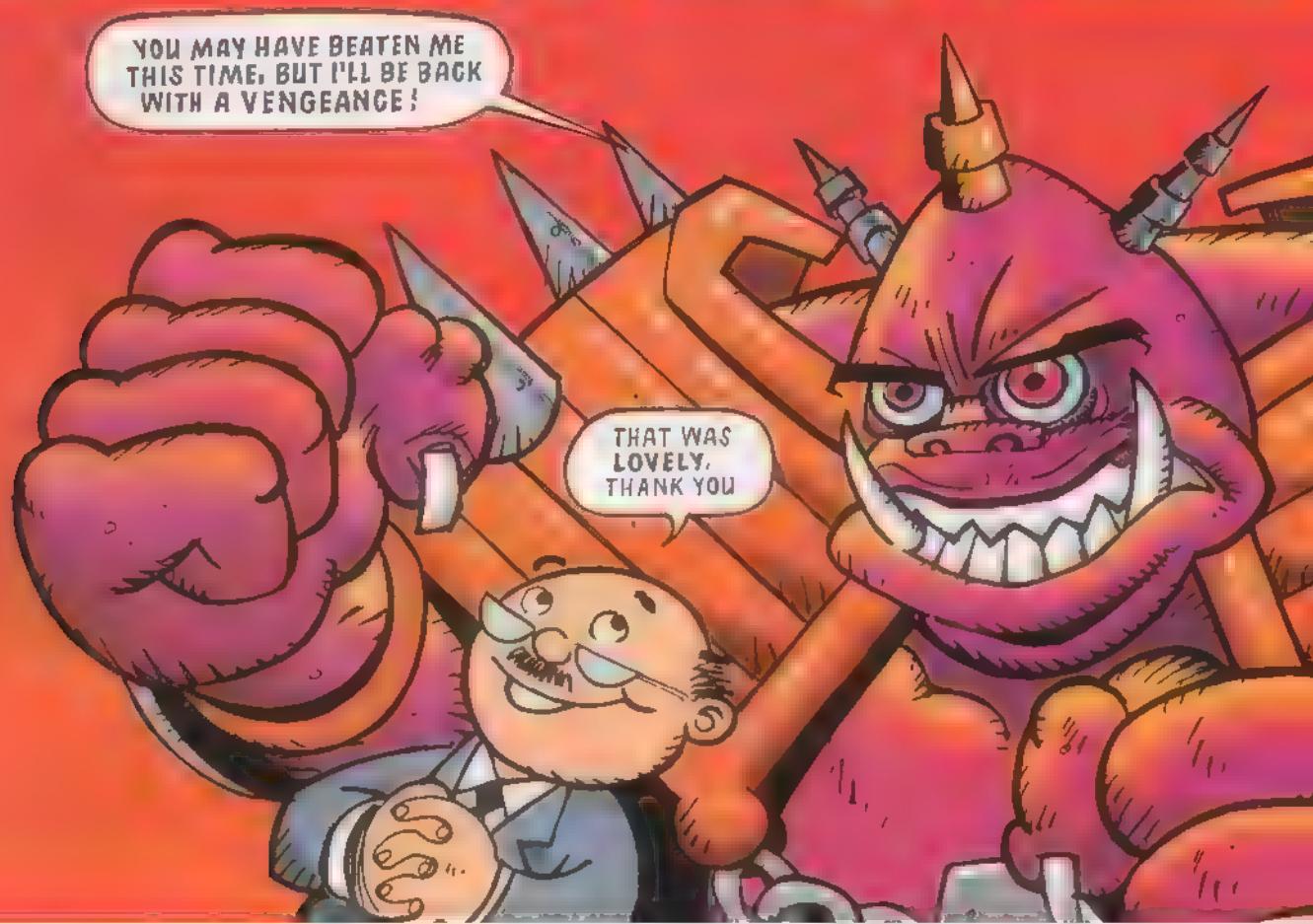
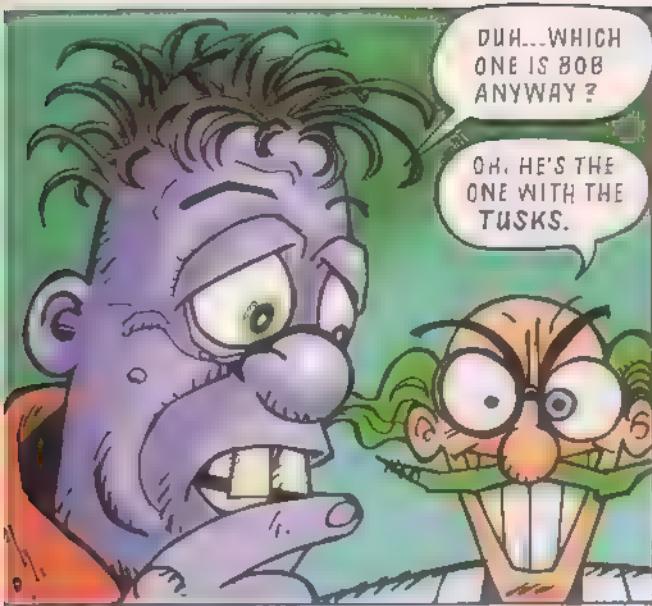
WHEN I FORCED PROFESSOR STEIN
TO CREATE ZOMBIES FOR ME I
DIDN'T EXPECT ANYTHING LIKE
THIS !



RUPERT, GET THE
MEN TOGETHER.
WE'RE LEAVING !

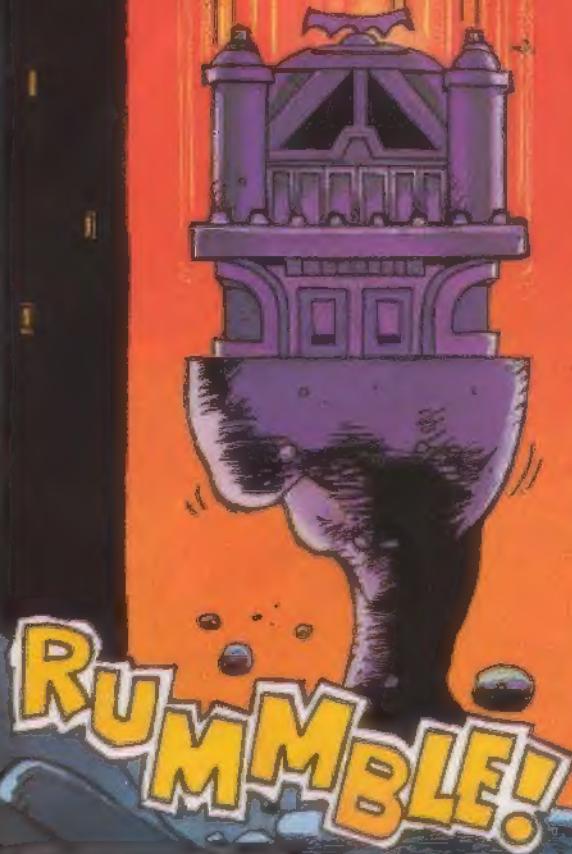
DO YOU WANT
TO SEE MY
MASCOT ?
HIS NAME IS
WINSTON.





THEY'RE REALLY
LEAVING...

WE'VE WON! BUT WHAT ARE
WE GOING TO DO WITH DIS
MISERABLE CREATURE?

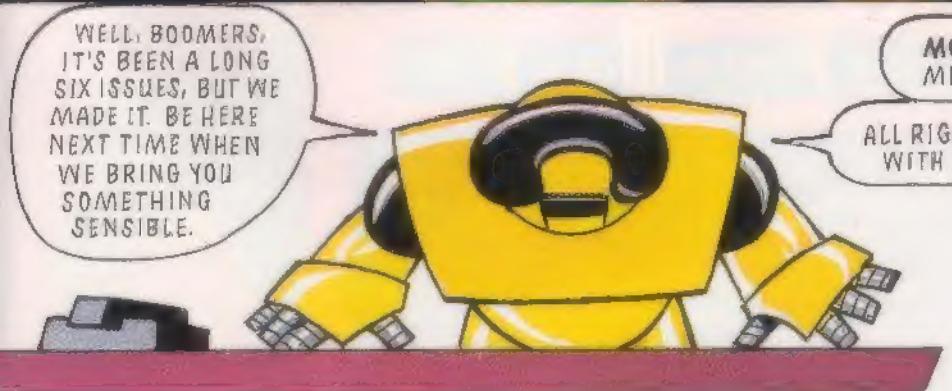
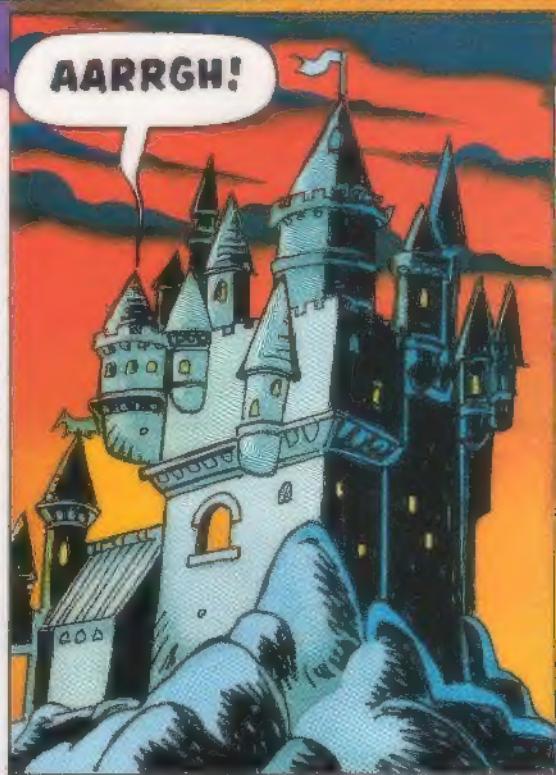
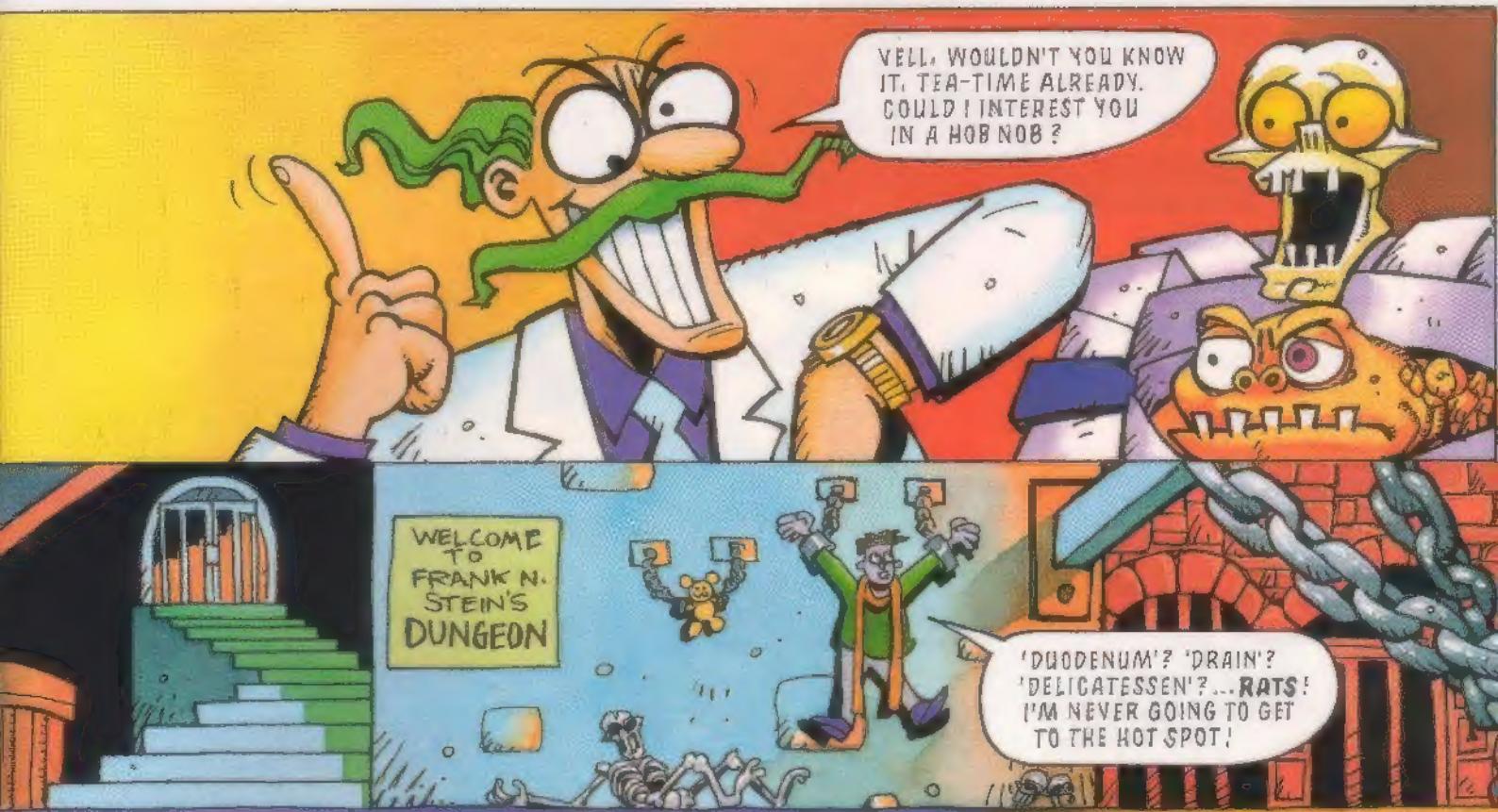


OKAY, PAL, WHAT'D'IS
AN ANCIENT PLACE
OF IMPRISONMENT
AND TORTURE?



IS IT 'DESERT'? NO, HANG
ON A MINUTE... 'DENTIST'?
'DENMARK'? 'DARLINGTON'?





SPEEDLINES

Dash off a letter, draw a quick sketch. In short, sound off to Megadroid about anything you want to do with STC, Sega or the meaning of life as we know it!

Send your letters and drawings to: Speedlines, STC, The Comic, 26/31 Tavistock Place, London WC1H 9BU.

Write your name, address and Sega system you use (MD, M64, M8 or GG) clearly on your letter or drawing. Every one printed on this page wins a Segassational prize! Megadroid regrets that drawings cannot be returned or correspondence entered into.



What a Load of...

Dear STC,

After reading through an issue, I thought, 'what a complete pile of... quality reading'. Not a black and white rip-off in sight. Excellent! But I must say that you should always include free gifts like stickers and badges just to make it more than worth it.

Mark Warne, Chichester, West Sussex.
Sonic Water Fun Game Winner.



What a complete... coincidence, Mark. You must be ecstatic after our recent spree of free cover gifts.

Shoppers' Paradise

Dear STC,

I was walking around the local supermarket with my gran, bored out of my mind, while she bought lots of rubbish. I decided to wander off and look at the magazines and then I saw it - Sonic the Comic. I ran back with the issue to my gran shouting: "Can I have it?" "O.K.", she said, and I read it all the way round the aisles until we got to the check-out counter.

Christopher Guest, Alderley Edge, Cheshire.
Sonic Water Fun Game Winner.



Fans of Sonic and Tails come together at the Garfield Summer Play Scheme. Soot in by Bill Taylor, N. Lancashire, S. Sonic Water Fun Game Winner.

S-T-She

Dear STC,

What I want to know is: are there any other girls out there? I'm sure I'm not the only girl who reads STC. Computer games are not just for boys. I also think you should print more letters and drawings. Apart from that, keep up the good work. Helen Williams, Newport, Gwent. MD owner.
Sonic Water Fun Game Winner.



Actually, Helen, I sympathise with the hume who thinks he's in charge,

because of the two bassey female-types here at STC. But I do agree that computer games are not just for boys - or humans, for that matter.

Dear STC,

I am so jolly, I've decided to write some hedgehog jokes:

Q: What did the daddy hedgehog say to his naughty son before he spanked him?

A: This is going to hurt me more than it hurts you.

Q: Who won the boxing contest between the hedgehog and fox?

A: The hedgehog - on points.

Kevin Oalvin, Harlesden, London. MD owner.
Sonic Water Fun Game Winner.

Mega-Porkies

Dear STC,

I must tell Megadroid to stop lying - he must get paid as he said so in issue 3.

Michael Wilson, Sproxton, Norwich.
Sonic Water Fun Game Winner.



An old hume proverb: Don't believe everything you read in the press.



Never mind the Red Devils, here's a case of the Blue Hedgehog, disguised as Sonic McClain. By Billy Oliver, Baguley, Manchester. Sonic Water Fun Game Winner.

Get in Print + Win a Prize!

It's true! Every letter and drawing printed on this page wins a Segassational prize! One of these fabulous Tomy Sonic The Hedgehog Water Fun Games can be yours. Fill it with water and pump the button to see if you can help Sonic catch all the power rings. It's challenging, it's portable, it's fun and it's well...

The Sonic Water Fun Game is just part of a range of meganticious Sonic products from Tomy which can be bought at toy shops and department stores. If you have problems finding a stockist in your area phone the Tomy Care Line on 0703 672267.



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